must needs awaken me. But 1 needed none of all this precaution ; never man had a more faithful, loving, sincere servant that he was to me; his affection to me was that like of a child to a father, and I daresay he would have sacrificed his life to save mine, upon any occasion whatsoever.

XXVIII. *Friday and the Gun*

After two or three days I took him out with me one morning to the woods. I went, indeed, intending to kill a kid out of my own flock, and bring it home and dress it; but as ! was going I saw a she-goat lying down In the shade* and two young kids sitting by her. I caught hold of Friday. "Hold," says I, "stand still/' and made signs to him not to stir. Immediately I presented my piece, shot and killed one of the kids. Friday trembled

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and shook, and looked so amazed that I thought he would have sunk down. He did not see the kid I had shot at, or perceive I had

killed It—but ripped up his waistcoat to feel
If he was not wounded; and, as I found
presently, thought I was resolved to kill him,
for he came and kneeled down to me, and
embracing my knees, said a great many